

Marquard Doomed to Playing "Small Time"

Gets Assignment to Travel North with the Second Team of Giants.

TWO MORE PLAYERS HEADED FOR ST. PAUL

Gipe and Holloway Not to See Broadway and Polo Grounds for Another Year at Least.

By HEYWOOD BROWN.

Marlin, Tex., March 22.—Rube Marquard, the headline, will play small time this spring. A lot of folks in Palestine, Tex., and Muskogee, Okla., never entertained the hope that they would see the owner of the nineteen straight up and the twelve straight down, but they will.

John McGraw surprised his southpaw today by handing him a route sheet of the second team, which leaves here on Wednesday and blazes a path through the thick underbrush baseball world.

Although the assignment to the second team can hardly be considered a punishment, it is not intended as a punishment. Marquard needs work, and lots of it, in order to get in condition for the pennant race this year, and McGraw undoubtedly believes that the pitcher will profit by going through the second team schedule, which is much longer than that arranged for the first squad.

Moreover, the manager probably has in mind the psychological stimulus which the move may have upon Marquard. At the same time one can hardly blame the pitcher for being perturbed and aggrieved. It is almost as bad as if he had been asked to appear on a bill between a troupe of trained dogs and a German strong man.

The minor leaguer, unlike water, does not seek to find his own level, but he gets there just the same. If Isaac Newton had chosen a pitcher lacking in control or a catcher without speed he could have demonstrated his theory of gravity just as readily as with an apple.

The downward pull of those strange forces which lie below the surface of the major leagues was felt to-day, and more of the merry men who came to Marlin are gone. Seemingly the weight of the object has nothing at all to do with this baseball gravity, for the largest Giant and the lightest one tumbled to-day.

Gipe, the mammoth pitcher from Seattle and Holloway, the miniature infielder of the Three-I League, were sold to-day to the St. Paul club of the American Association. It is probable that Ben Dyer, who did not pitch here, also will be sent to Mike Kelly, making six men in all for the manager from St. Paul.

Like Marshall and Glass, who went before them, Gipe and Holloway are both promising players, and McGraw has in all probability retained an option on their services for another year. Hickory Johnson demurred for a time at going to St. Paul, but matters have now been arranged to his satisfaction.

By releasing Homer Glass and Bob Marshall, the marine batter, and McGraw has cast in his lot with a number of

Not So Much Honor in Victory of Superbas

Athletics Take Field with a Makeshift Team and Show Fight Only in Spots.

(From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.)

Daytona, Fla., March 22.—"Get your score card; you can't tell the players without a score card." The voice of the vendor of these necessary pasteboards rang out on the frost laden air over Ebbets Field, here this afternoon. But it required more than that to get a score card to verify the team that the Philadelphia Athletics put in the field against the Superbas in the final game of the series. It was a makeshift nine and it was beaten by a score of 7 to 6 in a dull and uninteresting game.

The defeat was expected by all. The wonder was that the score was so close. Rube Oldring, Jimmy Walsh, Amor Strunk and Jack Barry left beautiful Daytona flat and returned to Jacksonville.

It is Thomas looked his team over and declared that he would play it in the Epworth League before the season was over. Later he recanted and declared that this particular game could mean anything ever perpetrated in the aforementioned circuit. Thomas rose to great heights as a humorist by announcing that "the gate receipts just went over the fence, when Gus Getz fouled one out of the lot."

Joe Chabek got his first chance to face fire. He made a good job of it after he warmed to his task, but in that biting wind it was a matter of difficulty to limit his muscles. Just at about the time Robbie removed him Joe started to show his real worth. Two hits were made off him. Hunter Goodbread came in next. As his predecessor, Goodbread had one bad inning, in which the Athletics got four runs off him, helped somewhat by a fielding error.

Robbie made the long expected change in his lineup, and sent Mack Wheat and "Pea" Snow in to do the catching. Wheat handled the delivery of Chabek, while Snow was in behind his old partner, Goodbread. Both looked good. Wheat particularly so. Mack was always on the alert and kept the runners hugging their bases. He hit the ball hard, too, and once he robbed of a two-bagger by Davis, who made a neat running catch in left center. Snow, too, was clever in his work, and

Series with Superbas the Test for Yankees

Donovan Still on Hunt for Southpaw Pitchers—Cold Weather Hampers the Practice.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Savannah, March 22.—Cold weather and high winds to-day cut in on Bill Donovan's plans toward the tuning up of the Yankees for the series with the Superbas at Daytona, Fla., beginning on Saturday. He had to be content with two hours and a half of gymnasium exercises at the Y. M. C. A.

Donovan has arranged a game with Savannah for Wednesday afternoon, which will serve as a final tryout before meeting the Superbas.

Wild Bill is anxious to have his batters put to the test, and he has suggested that Lape use a couple of his own pitchers. Donovan's first team may have to face Caldwell and Fisher. If they can pound these well known oldtimers as they assailed a trio of Savannah twirlers on Saturday there will be some reason to believe that the

Somebody Is Always Taking the Joy Out of Life



PENNANT WINNING FEDS IN COURT

Suit Filed to Throw Indianapolis Club in Hands of a Receiver.

Indianapolis, March 22.—Alleging that the Indianapolis club of the Federal League is insolvent, Pliny W. Barlow, former judge of the Superior Court and a stockholder, brought suit to-day to place the club in the hands of a receiver.

He alleges that, in addition to an indebtedness of \$75,000, the club is indebted to the stockholders for the non-payment of 6 per cent dividends on \$50,000 worth of stock, and this in spite of winning the pennant last year.

Judge Bartholomew alleges that the club is in an embarrassed financial condition and is losing money every day. He further alleges that the club has been formed by the corporation controlled by the club is about to dissipate its property and assets by transferring the club to unknown parties without in any way providing for or securing the payment to its stockholders or debtors of sums already due them.

The case will be heard to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock before Judge Vincent G. Clifford, of the Superior Court. A meeting of the stockholders of the club has been called for to-morrow night, when an effort will be made to clear up the financial troubles.

E. E. Gates, counsel for the Federal League, said to-day that the creditors should be saved and he thought the stockholders paid, for there have been "good overtures made for the disposal of the club's interest to outside parties."

Mr. Gates also said that unless Indianapolis citizens were able to lift the indebtedness from the club and place it on a firm financial basis, the club would be sold to a receiver.



GEORGE WILTSE.

"HOOKS" WILTSE TO MANAGE SKEETERS

Pitcher with Giants for Ten Years Will Try to Land Jersey City at the Top.

George ("Hooks") Wiltse, pitcher with the Giants for ten years, and one of the most popular players who ever wore a New York uniform, will manage the Jersey City club of the International League this year.

Ed Barrow, president of the league, made the announcement yesterday, and added that Wiltse will take charge at once and find things in fair condition, as most of last year's players and several new men of promise have signed contracts for 1915.

Wiltse was unconditionally released by the Giants last fall after ten years of faithful service. There was talk at that time of the Jersey City club being transferred to Syracuse, with Wiltse at the helm. This plan did not materialize, but Mr. Barrow kept the former pitcher in mind, and finally made him an offer which led to a contract being signed.

The Skeeters will train at home this year, a good schedule of exhibition games with several major league clubs having been arranged.

MR. GILMORE OPTIMISTIC

Thinks Circuit Troubles of the Feds Are at an End.

Chicago, March 22.—Prospects for settling the circuit troubles of the Federal League were bright to-day, according to a statement by James A. Gilmore, president of the league.

Mr. Gilmore, who is a stockholder of the Indianapolis club, said that he believed the club would be sold to a receiver.

"They will determine whether to accept the offer of the league to buy the club," he said. "If they conclude to sell we will be able to go ahead with our schedule meeting without waiting for a decision in the Kansas City injunction case."

The Sportlight

by Grantland Rice

The Kidnapper.

Spring, you old vagabond, what do you mean calling me off from the work I am doing? Can't you observe that my purse is still lean? That I must still be achieving, pursuing? See here, you loafer, I'm wise to your stuff! Beat it before I get prevish and rough. Nix on the chatter of marshes and cleeks. What with the high-cost-of-living's tuition; You say the day is the finest in weeks? You say the course is in perfect condition? Oh, well, of course, if you put it that way—If any one calls, boy, I'm gone for the day.

Some time last spring Jack Johnson proclaimed himself a citizen of France, and announced his ardent desire to shoulder a musket for his new country if she ever got in trouble. According to authentic rumor, France bumped into a wee mite of trouble somewhere around August 1st, but Johnson wasn't around very long. Now Johnson says he will beat Willard to a pulp, but we refuse to believe him. If he had been a man of his word he would be charging a 42-centimetre gun to-day, provided said gun hadn't already obtained the decision in a finish fight.

Hard Days.

The United States Golf Association apparently intends to plunge headlong in its course until it will soon be extremely difficult and annoying for a bona fide amateur to earn much more than a decent living out of Scott's frenzy. Is it the intention of the golf committee to make a number of prominent amateurs play the ball game merely for fun or exercise or recreation.

The F. L. F. Club.

For president of the Foolish-Like-a-Fox Club we take pleasure in nominating Col. George T. Stallings.

Stallings has convinced the Braves this season that the rest of the outside world looks upon them as Fluke Champions and Lucky Dubs. He has shot this dope into their systems until they are frothing at the gills in their eagerness to reach the battlefield and furnish a demonstration.

When he finishes up with baseball and the Braves Stallings should secure the chair of Extensive Psychology at Harvard. What he doesn't know about psychology wouldn't fill a cavity in the molar of a chigger.

Smiling Bill Donovan is still faithful to the Old Homestead. Bill figures the Tigers next to the Red Sox as the most likely contender in the American League.

Offside Plays.

In the game that certain entries achieve, Luck is 101 per cent.

"No skill goes on this club," says Stallings. "We'll say this for 'em—they haven't needed one since last June."

The Case of J. Thorpe.

The baseball activities of J. Thorpe, provided he is able to slip into the box score for a fair test, will provide one of the most interesting features of the summer menu.

McGraw took a chance on Thorpe because the Indian had mastered to a wonderful degree every other game he had tackled. If the Giant instructor had only been able to nail the noble redskin when Jeems was about twenty years of age, Ty Cobb would have a closer rival than Tris Speaker by to date.

But Thorpe was around twenty-six years of age before he attached his rollicking person to McGraw's entourage. And it is still to be proven that the raw product can be snared at the age of twenty-seven and twisted into a big league star. If Thorpe gets by with it he will be the exception proving the rest of it.

But There's Still Time.

Although the season is only three weeks away, Colonel Ebbets has so far arranged for only seven opening day dedications.

Is the Colonel harassed by the Feds, by the war or is he merely hiding the psychological moment?

We have never seen the operations or the devastating effects of a 42-centimetre gun, but we have seen a ball player cut in with a dumb play between Stallings and Evers, and the detonation which followed is all we care to hear in the way of high explosives. There are some limits that are sufficient unto the day.

The Sporting Accent.

The pesky Braves of Boston Have got the pennant call; They've got a guy named Stallings, But the accent's off the "stall."

"Eddie Collins hitting the ball as hard as ever." Undoubtedly. But one untoward trouble is that Eddie will find it extremely difficult to bunch his own hits.

Which may be an unfair section of comment, as the White Sox have been yielding to a number of lucid intervals at bat this spring, and the addition of Collins may rouse, not the sluggish spirit, but the sluggish spirit of the entire clan.

If Willard wins, the business of White Hoping passes onto the mist. Three cheers for Willard.

JACK JOHNSON PICKED TO WIN BOUT IN CUBA

Manager of Battling Nelson Writes That He Will String with Negro.

SAYS CHAMPION IS IN FINE CONDITION

Rival Boxers Face Each Other in Same Ring, but as Time-keepers for Another Battle.

In a letter that arrived in this city last night from Havana, Cuba, John R. Robinson, now manager of Battling Nelson, expresses the belief that Jack Johnson will retain his title as heavyweight champion of the world when he meets Jess Willard, the giant cowboy, in Havana on April 4.

Johnson, according to Robinson, is in fine condition to defend his title, and in this connection Robinson writes: "At first I thought Willard would whip Johnson, but after looking over I have changed my mind, and now I am going to string along with the man I think will win the fight, no matter what his color."

Robinson also says that Willard and Johnson made their first appearance in the same ring in Havana last Thursday night, when Battling Nelson and Stewart Donnelly, of Indianapolis, met in a bout. Johnson sat in Nelson's corner as timekeeper and Willard presided in Donnelly's.

When Nelson knocked out Donnelly with a vicious blow to the body and a right to the jaw Johnson's mouth expanded in a broad grin, and he remarked: "I see always on the winning side."

"Bad beginning, good ending," replied Willard. "If my man loses the first time, I'll have the good ending and win the next one."

Johnson still remains the favorite in the betting with the Cuban public, the odds being 2 to 1 in favor of the negro. There is plenty of Willard money to be had, however, although the Americans are holding out for better prices.

It seems probable, according to Robinson, that thousands of dollars will be wagered in the pari-mutuel at the arena on the day of the battle. One of these pari-mutuel machines at the track is already taking bets on the result.

ALL AT SEA ON BASKETBALL RULE

No Action To Be Taken at Columbia Until Committee Meets.

Official action by Columbia, approving or disapproving the eligibility rules adopted by the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball League on Saturday, will not be taken until the next meeting of the university committee on athletics late next month, but there was plenty of unofficial comment on the Morning-side Heights campus yesterday on the new rules and especially on the disqualification of W. W. Dwyer, '15, the captain-elect, which was pointed out exclusively in The Tribune on Sunday.

Harry A. Fisher, graduate manager of athletics and coach of the basketball team, would have nothing to say except that he would act just as soon as the university committee met and considered the effect the application of the new rules will have on the sport at Columbia.

Fisher would not say whether basketball would be elevated to the rank of a major sport, nor would he commit himself on the practical question of eligibility rules by the league.

The new rules will wipe out Columbia's entire team, including Burghard, a first substitute. There was some hope that Carter, the star forward, would still be eligible, but an examination of the college records shows that he will get his degree this June. Furthermore, he has played basketball three years, two at St. Lawrence University and one at Columbia.

None of the members of the athletic committee was willing to discuss the situation, which some of the students draw from the league. It was pointed out by one officer that the new league rules will not be as restrictive as the eligibility rules recommended in the event that football is restored to the list of sports.

Architecture, pedagogy and engineering students, the last for two years at least, will be eligible to play on the five, while only college students will be allowed to play football.

The East Side Settlement House has arranged eight men for the Metropolitan Association amateur boxing championships at the New York Athletic Club, beginning to-morrow and continuing on Thursday and Saturday. The boys are in hard training and hope to win the championship honors.

Leach Cross, who will meet Charlie White, the Milwaukee lightweight, in the star attraction at Madison Square Garden on Thursday night, is putting in busy hours at Billy Guppy's gymnasium getting into condition. Every afternoon he and Sam Wallace, his brother, who will be a round-robin session with the gloves, with Sam posing as White.

Sam, who is Leach's manager, tried to work all of White's most dangerous punches on the East Side last night. Leach stepped on the scales and moved the beam at just 126½ pounds, which means that he will be down to 135 at weighing time without any trouble.

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Marty Farrell and Willie Jackson then went on with Leach and boxed at top speed. After a full and merited thrashing on the scales and moved the beam at just 126½ pounds, which means that he will be down to 135 at weighing time without any trouble.

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Al McCoy, the same one who won the middleweight title from George Chip, will meet Silent Martin, who does all his talking on his fingers, in the main bout at the Broadway Sporting Club in Brooklyn, to-night. Johnson, Martin and Frankie Diemeyer, Dick Stoth and Tommy McFarland and Jimmy Nelson and Warren Cusack will meet in the other bouts.

The other bouts of the evening will take place at Brown's Gymnasium, where Bobby Moore and Kid Burns are scheduled to box ten rounds.

WORCESTER COACH QUILTS

Resignation Result Ineligible Competing in Indoor Meet.

Worcester, Mass., March 22.—Vagabond S. Blanchard, track coach at Worcester Academy, resigned his position to-day, to take effect at the end of the present school term, as a result of the trouble caused by entering athletes from the academy in the B. A. A. schoolboy meet in Boston on February 27, who were ineligible because they were over the age limit.

Mr. Blanchard says all the trouble was caused by his carelessness, and his resignation was the only possible thing that could result.

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